

OPINION 1478

***Lycaena mirza* Plotz, 1880 (currently *Azanus mirza*; Insecta, Lepidoptera): specific name conserved**

Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers the name *mirza* Staudinger, 1874, as published in the binomen *Lycaena mirza*, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of both the Principle of Priority and the Principle of Homonymy.

(2) The name *mirza* Plotz, 1880, as published in the binomen *Lycaena mirza*, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

(3) The following names are hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology:

(a) *mirza* Staudinger, 1874, as published in the binomen *Lycaena mirza*;

(b) *mirzaellus* Koçak, 1980, as published in the binomen *Azanus mirzaellus*, a junior objective synonym of *mirza* Plotz, 1880.

History of Case 2426

An application for the conservation of *Lycaena mirza* Plotz, 1880 by the suppression of the unused senior homonym *Lycaena mirza* Staudinger, 1874 was received from Dr T. B. Larsen (*Kastrup, Denmark*) on 30 September 1982. The case was published in BZN 43: 342–343 (December 1986), and notice of it was given to eleven general and nine entomological journals.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 September 1987 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals set out in BZN 43: 342. At the close of the voting period on 1 December 1987 the voting was as follows:

Affirmative votes — 18: Alvarado, Bayer, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Dupuis, Gruchy, Hahn, Heppell, Kabata, Kraus, Lehtinen, Melville, Mroczkowski, Savage, Schuster, Trjapitzin, Uéno

Negative votes — 3: Bernardi, Holthuis, Thompson.

No votes were returned by Halvorsen, Starobogatov and Willink. Ride was on leave of absence.

Thompson objected on principle to the conservation of a junior primary homonym. Bernardi and Holthuis considered the Principle of Priority should apply: as the species was of no particular importance, the replacement of *mirza* Plotz by *mirzaellus* Koçak was justified.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on an Official List and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

mirza, *Lycaena*, Plotz, 1880, *Stettiner Entomologische Zeitung*, 41: 203.

mirza, *Lycaena*, Staudinger, 1874, *Stettiner Entomologische Zeitung*, 35: 90.

mirzaellus, *Azanus*, Koçak, 1980, *Nota Lepidopterologica*, 2: 141.